

House Resolution 292

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the accomplishments of James C. Moore and dedicating a highway in honor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James C. Moore was born in Coffee County in 1930; and

4 WHEREAS, he graduated from Nicholls High School, from South Georgia College, and
5 Georgia Southern College (known as Georgia Teachers College at the time); and

6 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Air Force from 1951 until 1953, rising to the rank
7 of Staff Sergeant; and

8 WHEREAS, he taught and coached in the Coffee County School System for 13 years,
9 serving at West Green (2), Nicholls (5), Douglas Junior High (2), and Coffee High (4); and

10 WHEREAS, he also served as Principal of West Green Elementary for one year, Assistant
11 Superintendent for one year, and as Superintendent of Schools for nine years; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1978-1989, he served in the General Assembly representing Coffee and
13 Atkinson Counties. During this period, he became close friends with the DOT
14 Commissioner, Tom Moreland, and initiated many highway projects that are still providing
15 benefits today. These projects included: the four-laning of U.S. Highway 441 from Douglas
16 to Pearson; the four-laning and adding passing lanes from downtown Douglas to the present
17 high school and to Broxton; the completion of the perimeter road around Douglas, which Mr.
18 Moreland said at the dedication that Douglas was only the third city in Georgia to have a
19 perimeter road behind Atlanta and Athens; the paving of streets in Coffee and Touchton
20 Woods subdivisions; the paving of all roads to churches in Coffee County; the four-laning
21 of SR 158 from Peterson Avenue to Baker Highway (a must for the Wal-Mart Distribution
22 Center to locate in Douglas); and adding wider truck access on the perimeter road for
23 Wal-Mart; and

24 WHEREAS, while in the General Assembly, James C. Moore served on the Ways and
25 Means, Education, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and QBE Study Committees; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Legislative Council to the Southern Regional Education
27 Board (SREB) for five years; and

28 WHEREAS, James C. Moore sponsored legislation to create the Department of Adult and
29 Technical Education; and

30 WHEREAS, he resigned from the General Assembly in 1989 to become the Vice-President
31 for Economic Development at Altamaha Technical College in Jesup and served in that
32 position from 1989 until 1992; and

33 WHEREAS, since he grew up in Coffee County, attended school in Coffee County, returned
34 to Coffee County to live and work as an educator and farmer, is a landowner and was a
35 former business owner in Douglas, it is only proper and fitting that a lasting tribute
36 recognizing the contributions of James C. Moore to the people of Coffee County be
37 established.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
39 GEORGIA that the members of this body recognize the outstanding contributions of James
40 C. Moore and dedicate the portion of U.S. 441 South from the city limits of Douglas to the
41 Coffee County/Atkinson County line as the James C. Moore Corridor.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
43 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the James C. Moore Corridor.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James C. Moore and to the
46 Department of Transportation.